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of the year

Hawke's Bay Young Fruitgrower

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Enter Hawke's Bay Young Fruitgrower 2017



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**Thursday 29 June**

Practical & Theory  
Competition

During the National  
Horticulture Field Days

HB Showgrounds  
Kenilworth Rd  
Hastings

**Friday 30 June**

Speech Competition  
Final & Dinner

Napier Conference Centre  
48 Marine Parade  
Napier

# 2017 HAWKE'S BAY YOUNG FRUITGROWER

Enter our fun-filled event, develop your skills and win great prizes

The Hawke's Bay Young Fruitgrowing competition is a challenging and fun filled event run during the National Horticultural Field Day and ends at the formal evening dinner function held the next night at the Napier Conference Centre on Marine Parade.

During the Field Day, competitors demonstrate practical and theoretical skills and are assessed at industry sponsored testing stations. At mid-day, for a little light relief there is a 'horti-sports' section where competitors are challenged to complete a range of novelty tasks.

During the Dinner Function contestants participate in a quiz and present a speech to the audience on a given industry subject. The competition concludes when all scores are tallied and the winners are announced.

The winner of the competition will go on to represent our region at the sector final for the 'New Zealand Young Grower of the Year' in Christchurch on 16-17 August.

## Competition Structure: **YOUNG GROWER OF THE YEAR**

### New Zealand Young Fruit Grower

Bay of Plenty  
Young Fruit  
Grower

Hawke's Bay  
Young Fruit  
Grower

Nelson  
Young Fruit  
Grower

Central Otago  
Young Fruit  
Grower

New Zealand  
Young Vegetable  
Grower

## ► DEVELOP AND SHOWCASE YOUR SKILLS

The competition is aimed at people under the age of 30 as at 31 Dec 2017 who are currently training towards or have completed the Industry Apprentice Scheme.

Practical and theoretical testing stations are based on the day to day activities and knowledge of people working at the post apprenticeship level and in the past have included: pest and disease identification, health & safety, first aid, fruit variety identification, business skills, sprayer calibration, chemical application, irrigation systems, plant support systems, pruning, grafting, equipment assembly/maintenance, tractor safety/maintenance, interviewing staff, weed identification, and more.

The competitions have an emphasis on practical production (on or close to orchard/farm) skills, business skills associated with growing and industry knowledge. The term "grower" includes those involved in growing plus those roles closely associated with growing such as pack house and coolstore employees. This does not include service providers such as bankers or consultants.

The quiz consists of 20 industry related and general knowledge questions.

The speech competition topics are given before the competition so that they can be run by lots of your industry peers and well-rehearsed before the evening function. The time given for each speech is three minutes.

Check out [www.younggroweroftheyear.co.nz](http://www.younggroweroftheyear.co.nz) to read more about the competition and what past winners say.



2016 Hawke's Bay Young Fruitgrowing Jordan James.

# WIN

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All contestants compete to win the title of Hawke's Bay Young Fruitgrower for one year and are eligible for the following prizes:

**OVERALL WINNER:** \$1,000 Cash, wheelbarrow packed with sponsors goods, \$1,000 for personal development, plus a study trip to Nelson including travel & accommodation. The winner also receives a one-day media and presentation development course in Auckland, an all-expenses paid trip to Christchurch to compete for the title of Young Grower of the Year and paid attendance at the National Conference, including travel, meals and accommodation.

**1ST RUNNER UP:** \$750 cash plus a study trip to Nelson including travel and accommodation.

**2ND RUNNER UP:** \$500 cash.

**SECTION PRIZES:** Each sponsored testing station provides a prize for the top competitor and there are individual prizes for Hortisports, the Quiz and Speech sections.

## HOW TO ENTER

1. Please complete the entry form in this flyer, email [office@hbfruitgrowers.co.nz](mailto:office@hbfruitgrowers.co.nz) (Dianne Vesty) for a copy, or print it off the Young Grower of the Year website ([www.younggroweroftheyear.co.nz](http://www.younggroweroftheyear.co.nz))  
or deliver to:  
HB Fruitgrowers Assn office  
PGG Wrightson Site  
135 Maraekakaho Road  
Hastings
2. Email a copy of the completed form to:  
Dianne Vesty at [office@hbfruitgrowers.co.nz](mailto:office@hbfruitgrowers.co.nz)  
or post to:  
HB Fruitgrowers' Assn Inc  
PO Box 689  
Hastings 4156
3. All entries must be fully completed and received by **5.00pm Friday 26 May 2017**.

### Conditions of Entry:

1. Contestants must be currently working full time in the fruit industry in an organisation that is closely associated with growing.
2. Contestants must be 30 years of age or under as at 31 December 2017.
3. Contestants must show evidence of completing a minimum of three years practical work experience in the fruit industry with the regional coordinators ensuring the 3 years practical experience is met. E.g. letter from employer. Entrants must have completed or be currently working towards completing the Fruit Industry Apprenticeship.
4. To enter the competition, all entries must be fully completed and received by **5.00pm Friday 26 May 2017**.
5. Contestants agree to abide by the competition rules.
6. All entrants must be familiar with health and safety issues associated with competition activities and follow the procedures set in place on the day.
7. Must be a New Zealand citizen or hold a current New Zealand residency permit.
8. The winner of the Hawke's Bay Young Fruitgrower must use their personal development prize and study trip in consultation with the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Association within a year of winning.
9. Contestants must be available, if selected, to compete in the Young Grower of the Year competition in Christchurch from 16-17 August 2017. (All travel costs will be met by Horticulture New Zealand).
10. The contestant agrees that if they win Young Grower of the Year they must be available to compete in the AGMARDT Market Innovation Project and the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition in Auckland in November 2017.
11. The winners of the competitions will be expected to be available for promotional purposes and give interviews as required to the media at and following the event.
12. The winners will be available to promote the competitions where applicable.

CONTESTANTS MAY REAPPLY TO REGIONAL COMPETITIONS EVEN IF THEY HAVE WON YOUNG FRUITGROWER OR YOUNG VEGETABLE GROWER. HOWEVER THE WINNER OF THE YOUNG GROWER OF THE YEAR CANNOT REAPPLY AT A REGIONAL OR NATIONAL LEVEL.

# Developing our future leaders

As a finalist in the 2017 Young Grower of the Year, the Hawke's Bay Young Fruitgrower has the opportunity to win more fabulous prizes at the national final from 16-17 August in Christchurch including:

## NZ Young Fruitgrower

- \$1500 plus trophy



## Young Grower of the Year

- \$2000 plus trophy
- Entry to compete at the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition to represent the fruit and vegetable sectors.



## Best Practical \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the practical section.

## Best Business \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the business section.

## Best Speech \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the speech section.

## Best Innovation \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the innovation section.

## Outstanding Leadership \$500

The finalist who demonstrates outstanding promise and leadership during the competition including the panel session, voted by the judges.

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